

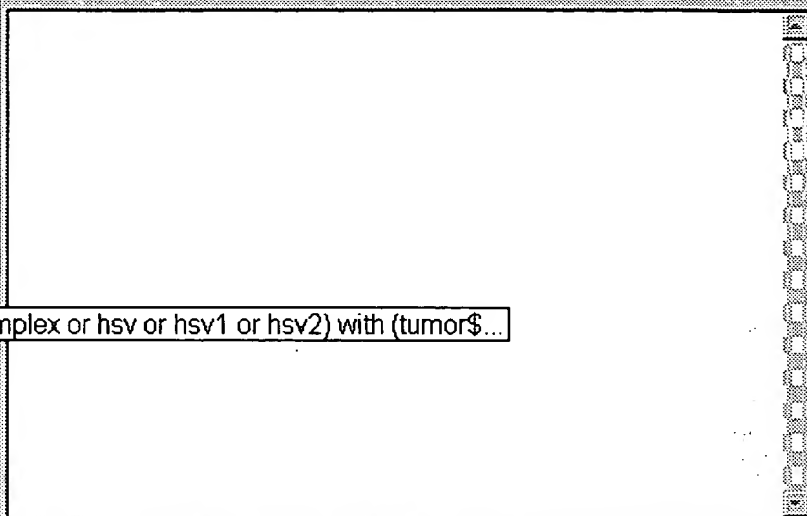
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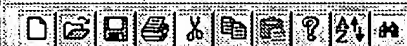
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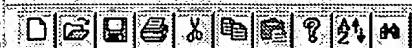
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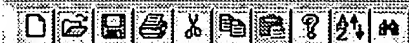
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Viral interference with antibody and complement.

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Seminars in cell &amp; developmental biology (ENGLAND) Jun 1998, 9 (3)

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Viruses have evolved strategies to evade immunity mediated by antibody and complement. Herpesviruses and coronaviruses encode IgG Fc binding proteins that inhibit IgG activity, enabling the virus or infected cell to escape antibody attack. Herpesviruses, vaccinia virus and HIV-1 have the capacity to interfere with complement, either by incorporation of cellular complement regulatory proteins into the virion envelope or cell membrane, or by expression of viral molecules that mimic functions of complement regulatory proteins. The structure and biological activities of herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) glycoproteins gE, gI and gC are described. These glycoproteins protect HSV from immune attack; HSV-1 gE/gI form a complex that binds the Fc domain of IgG while gC is a C3b binding complement regulatory protein, providing a survival advantage to the virus in vitro and in vivo by inhibiting immune functions. Copyright 1998 Academic Press. (83 Refs.)

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Attenuation of the vaccine Oka strain of varicella-zoster virus and role of glycoprotein C in alphaherpesvirus virulence demonstrated in the SCID-hu mouse.

Moffat J F; Zetboni L; Kinchington P R; Grose C; Kaneshima H; Arvin A M  
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Journal of virology (UNITED STATES) Feb 1998, 72 (2) p965-74, ISSN  
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The SCID-hu mouse implanted with human fetal tissue is a novel model for investigating human viral pathogenesis. Infection of human skin implants was used to investigate the basis for the clinical attenuation of the varicella-zoster virus (VZV) strain, V-Oka, from which the newly licensed vaccine is made. The pathogenicity of V-Oka was compared with that of its parent, P-Oka, another low-passage clinical isolate, strain Schenke (VZV-S), and VZV-Ellen, a standard laboratory strain. The role of

glycoprotein C (gC) in infectivity for human skin was assessed by using gC-negative mutants of V-Okra and VZV-Elten. Whereas all of these VZV strains replicated well in tissue culture, only low-passage clinical isolates were fully virulent in skin, as shown by infectious virus yields and analysis of implant tissues for VZV DNA and viral protein synthesis. The infectivity of V-Okra in skin was impaired compared to that of P-Okra, providing the first evidence of a virologic basis for the clinical attenuation of V-Okra. The infectivity of V-Okra was further diminished in the absence of gC expression. All strains except gC-Elten retained some capacity to replicate in human skin, but cell-free virus was recovered only from implants infected with P-Okra or VZV-S. Although VZV is closely related to herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) genetically, experiments in the SCID-hu model revealed differences in tropism for human cells that correlated with differences in VZV and HSV-1 disease. VZV caused extensive infection of epidermal and dermal skin cells, while HSV-1 produced small, superficial lesions restricted to the epidermis. As in VZV, gC expression was a determinant for viral replication in skin. VZV infects human CD4+ and CD8+ T cells in thymus/liver implants, but HSV-1 was detected only in epithelial cells, with no evidence of lymphotropism. These SCID-hu mouse experiments show that the clinical attenuation of the varicella vaccine can be attributed to decreased replication of V-Okra in skin and that tissue culture passage alone reduces the ability of VZV to infect human skin *in vivo*. Furthermore, gC, which is dispensable for replication in tissue culture, plays a critical role in the virulence of the human alphaherpesviruses VZV and HSV-1 for human skin.

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Generation of an anti-tumour immune response in a non-immunogenic tumour: HSVk killing *in vivo* stimulates a mononuclear cell infiltrate and a Th1-like profile of intratumoural cytokine expression.

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International journal of cancer. Journal international du cancer (UNITED STATES) Apr 10 1997, 71 (2) p267-74, ISSN 0020-7136 Journal Code: 0042124

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Direct delivery of the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase (HSVtk) gene, in combination with the prodrug ganciclovir (GC), has been used for

the treatment of localised, inoperable tumours. Several groups have shown that when rodent tumours are ablated *in vivo* with suicide genes, anti-tumour immunity can also be generated. Hence, this approach may also be useful in treating disseminated disease. Here we have studied the mechanisms associated with this anti-tumour immunity. In B16 HSVtk+ tumours being killed *in vivo* with GC treatment, we observed the induction of a pronounced intratumoural infiltrate of macrophages, CD4+ and CD8+ T cells. In addition, using reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction, expression of interleukin (IL)-2, IL-12, interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma), tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-alpha) and granulocyte/macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) but not IL-4, IL-6 or IL-10, was observed, a profile of cytokine expression which resembles that of a Th1 immune response. To complement these findings, we also investigated the mechanisms by which expression of HSVtk leads to cell death. Our data show that B16/HSVtk+ cells die predominantly by necrosis, rather than apoptosis, on exposure to GC, a process which may be associated with the generation of anti-tumour inflammatory responses. From these data we propose a model for the induction of anti-tumour immunity using suicide genes and discuss the development of improved vectors for gene therapy to augment these effects *in vivo*.

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Herpes simplex virus type 1 evades the effects of antibody and complement in vivo.

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Herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) encodes a complement-interacting glycoprotein, gC, and an immunoglobulin G (IgG) Fc binding glycoprotein, gE, that mediate immune evasion by affecting multiple aspects of innate and acquired immunity, including interfering with complement components C1q, C3, C5, and properdin and blocking antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity. Previous studies evaluated the individual contributions of gC and gE to immune evasion. Experiments in a murine model that examines the combined effects of gC and gE immune evasion on pathogenesis are now reported. Virulence of wild-type HSV-1 is compared with mutant viruses defective in gC-mediated C3 binding, gE-mediated IgG Fc binding, or both immune evasion activities. Eliminating both activities greatly increased susceptibility of HSV-1 to antibody and complement neutralization in vitro

and markedly reduced virulence in vivo as measured by disease scores, virus titers, and mortality. Studies with C3 knockout mice indicated that other activities attributed to these glycoproteins, such as gC-mediated virus attachment to heparan sulfate or gE-mediated cell-to-cell spread, do not account for the reduced virulence of mutant viruses. The results support the importance of gC and gE immune evasion in vivo and suggest potential new targets for prevention and treatment of HSV disease.

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In vivo role of complement-interacting domains of herpes simplex virus type 1 glycoprotein gC.

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Immune evasion is critical for survival of viruses that establish persistent or recurrent infections. However, at the molecular level, little is known about how viruses evade immune attack in vivo. Herpes simplex virus (HSV)-1 glycoprotein gC has two domains that are involved in modulating complement activation; one binds C3, and the other is required for blocking C5 and properdin (P) binding to C3. To evaluate the importance of these regions in vivo, HSV-1 gC mutant viruses were constructed that lacked one or both gC domains and studied in a murine model of infection. Each gC region of complement regulation contributed to virulence; however, the C3 binding domain was far more important, as virus lacking this domain was much less virulent than virus lacking the C5/P inhibitory domain and was as attenuated as virus lacking both domains. Studies in C3 knockout mice and mice reconstituted with C3 confirmed that the gC domains are inhibitors of complement activation, accounting for a 50-fold difference in virulence between mutant and wild-type viruses. We conclude that the C3 binding domain on gC is a major contributor to immune evasion and that this site explains at a molecular level why wild-type virus resists complement attack.

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Molecular characterization of naturally occurring glycoprotein C-negative herpes simplex virus type 1.

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We previously isolated glycoprotein C (gC)-negative herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) mutants, TN-1, TN-2 and TN-3, from a patient with recurrent herpetic keratitis at one-year intervals. In the present study, the molecular basis for the inability of these clinical isolates to express gC was examined. The nucleotide sequence of the gC gene of the TN-1 strain was compared with that of the HSV-1 KOS strain. In the open reading frame of the gC gene, there were 12 nucleotide differences between the TN-1 and KOS strains, seven of which led to amino acid substitutions. Importantly, one of them was the codon change from CAG for glutamine at position 280 to TAG for the amber termination codon. Accordingly, the TN-1 strain produced a truncated gC with a predicted molecular weight, which was secreted into the extracellular fluid. These results suggest that this amber mutation in the TN-gC gene results in a premature termination of gC translation and is the cause of the gC-negative phenotype of the TN strains. It is expected that these extremely rare HSV-1 strains will provide us with valuable information concerning the in vivo functions of gC, especially in ocular diseases.

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In vivo expression of beta-galactosidase in hippocampal neurons by HSV-mediated gene transfer.

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Stereotactic inoculation of a herpes simplex virus (HSV) gene transfer vector into the hippocampus and caudate of rat brain resulted in limited and transient viral replication and the establishment of latency. Virus attenuation was achieved by insertional inactivation of a viral gene, *Us3*. Insertion of a *lacZ* reporter gene, under the control of the HSV glycoprotein C (*gC*) late gene promoter, allowed viral replication to be monitored *in vivo*. Unlike unattenuated virus, the *Us3::pgC-lacZ* recombinant caused little apparent damage to normal hippocampal morphology. Transient *lacZ* expression was detected in a considerable population of neurons of the dentate gyrus following hippocampal injection, whereas few positively staining neurons were present within the caudate after injection at that site. Latency-associated transcripts, the hallmark of latent infection, were detected in the brain 10 months after injection. This recombinant virus may be useful as a gene transfer vector for long-term expression of foreign genes in the central nervous system.

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Glycoprotein C of herpes simplex virus type 1 is essential for the virus to evade antibody-independent complement-mediated virus inactivation and lysis of virus-infected cells.

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Glycoprotein C (*gC*) of herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) is a receptor for the complement component C3b. We have previously isolated HSV-1 *gC*-strains (TN1, TN2 and TN3) from a patient with recurrent keratitis at three different times. These are very rare isolates because *gC* was thought to be essential for the virus *in vivo*. To determine whether *gC* modifies the interaction of complement with cell-free virus or virus-infected cells, we constructed *gC*+ recombinant viruses in which the intact *gC* gene of strain KOS was inserted into the TN1 virus genome. TN1 virus was inactivated by complement and TN1 virus-infected cells were lysed by complement; however, *gC*+ recombinant viruses became resistant to these effects of complement.

These results suggest a role for *gC* in protection of both the virion envelope and the infected cell surface against damage by complement. TN1 virus was inactivated by complement from rats (Wistar, WKA, F344 and SD), guinea-pigs (Hartley) and humans, but not by complement from mice (C3H, DDD and BALB/c), which indicates that mice seem to be inappropriate as an experimental model for the study of HSV infection in which complement factors need to be considered.

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